



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy 18, Wear and Appearance of Uniforms

1. REFERENCES:

a. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 3 February 2005.

b. TRADOC Regulation (Reg) 350-6, Enlisted Initial Entry Training Policies and Administration, 1 July 2009.

c. FLW Reg 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision on Fort Leonard Wood, 6 November 2006.

2. GENERAL:

a. This command policy establishes policy and procedures for the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center and Fort Leonard Wood (MANSCEN&FLW) regarding the wear and appearance of Army uniforms.

b. The Army is a service where discipline is judged, in part, by the manner in which a Soldier wears a prescribed uniform, as well as by the individual's personal appearance. Soldiers must project a military image that leaves no doubt that they live by a common military standard and abide by military order and discipline. All military uniforms will be worn in accordance with (IAW) AR 670-1. The Interservice Training Review Organizations (ITRO) personnel (Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine, and Navy) will wear their uniforms according to their Services' uniform policies. Army personnel are reminded that other Services' uniforms and policies are different and are encouraged to become familiar with those policies. Clarification on the wear of military uniforms, as well as initial entry training (IET) uniform policies, is outlined in the following paragraphs.

3. POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

a. Army Combat Uniform (ACU).

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(1) The ACU is the standard duty uniform for normal duties on Fort Leonard Wood. It may be worn off post except in establishments where alcohol is served (for example, bars, clubs, and lounges) as their principle business. The IET Soldiers will wear the Class A and B uniform when off post, unless on an overnight/weekend off-post pass. Commanders may authorize civilian clothes for overnight passes.

(2) The ACU is authorized for commercial air travel both in the continental United States (CONUS) and outside the continental United States (OCONUS). Travel in uniform will be limited to Military Airlift Command (MAC) flights or American flagged air carriers when conducting official business.

(3) The earplug case will be worn under the ACU blouse on the front, right belt loop of the trousers.

(4) Soldiers will not starch or use sizing on the ACU under any circumstances. The ACU is only authorized to be worn with sleeves down. Nonstandard patches, tabs, or items forbidden by AR 670-1 (such as IET unit designation tabs) are not authorized for wear on any uniform. The ACU subdued (infrared) U.S. flag will only be worn as directed by the commander in tactical/field or deployed conditions.

(5) There are no seasonal uniforms. For example, Soldiers may wear their field jacket, Gortex jacket, or black or foliage green fleece except when mandatory uniforms are prescribed for formations and ceremonies by commanders.

(6) At the discretion of the unit commander and when required in the performance of duties, one electronic device can be worn on the belt, belt loops, or waist band of the ACU or Class A or Class B uniform. The body of the device may not exceed 4x2x1 inches, and the device carrying case must be black; no other colors are authorized for wear.

(7) Headphones or earpieces (including hands-free/wireless electronic devices such as blue tooth) are not authorized while wearing the ACU or Class A or Class B uniform, unless as a component of a piece of military equipment (for example, the headset for a mine detector). The only exception is while operating a motor vehicle; the device must be immediately removed once a Soldier exits the vehicle.

(8) Camouflage/foliage or black personal hydration systems may be worn in cantonment or field training locations, at the discretion of the commander, but not off the installation. Soldiers will not let the drinking tube hang from their mouths when the device is not in use.

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(9) The foliage green watch cap may be worn from 1 November to 31 March as stand-alone headgear. It will not be worn off the installation. The dark brown or tan knitted neck gator is authorized for optional wear during cold weather conditions and may be worn as a neck warmer/hood.

b. Improved physical fitness uniform (IPFU).

(1) The IPFU is the standard uniform worn during unit physical training (PT) sessions conducted between 0500 and 0800. Soldiers performing individual training are encouraged, but not required, to wear the IPFU. All personnel will wear a reflective vest prescribed by unit standing operating procedure (SOP) when conducting individual PT or as a member of a unit's PT formation (team and above). All formations will have appropriate road guards (front and back) and necessary safety equipment (reflective vests and flashlights) according to size of formation.

(2) The authorized components of the IPFU include gray and black jacket; black pants/black shorts; gray, moisture-wicking short-sleeved T-shirt/gray, moisture-wicking long-sleeved T-shirt; and the foliage microfleece cap. The jacket will be zipped; the T-shirt will be tucked into the shorts at all times (except for pregnant Soldiers); and jacket sleeves and pants legs will be worn down at all times.

(3) Authorized accessories for the IPFU include: commercially purchased running shoes; calf-length or ankle-length plain white, over-the-ankle socks with no logos ("booties" or socks that only come to the top of the shoe are not authorized to be worn with the IPFU); plain black gloves; the foliage microfleece cap; long underwear or other similar items appropriate to the weather conditions and type of activity. If Soldiers wear long underwear or similar items, they must be concealed from view. Soldiers may also wear gray or black spandex shorts. The spandex shorts will end above the knee and must be gray or black with no distinctive and visible markings or patterns (such as "Bike" or "Nike"). Soldiers will not be required to buy spandex shorts. The Army Physical Fitness Badge is the only insignia authorized for wear on the IPFU and will be worn IAW AR 670-1.

(4) No electronic devices are authorized for wear with the IPFU. The only authorized exceptions are hands-free devices while operating a motor vehicle (once a Soldier exits the vehicle, the device must be immediately removed) and stereo headphones while exercising in gymnasiums or on closed tracks that do not require crossing road intersections or roadways. Once individuals are ready to leave the gymnasiums, stereo headphones will be removed prior to departing the facility and no such devices will be worn while standing, walking, jogging, or running on roadways IAW FLW Reg 190-5, paragraph 2-10c.

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(5) Electronic devices are authorized with the ACU when used in a gymnasium while conducting PT.

(6) Components of the IPFU may be worn with civilian attire; however, when worn complete, it will be worn as a military uniform (for example, no ball caps or backpacks).

(7) A clean, unsoiled IPFU may be worn in all on-post facilities both on- and off-duty. The IPFU will not be worn in any installation club facilities (such as the Pershing Community Club [PCC] or Audie Murphy Community Club [AMCC]) or off-post establishments.

c. Class A and Class B uniform.

(1) IET Soldiers will wear either Class A or Class B uniforms or civilian clothes when authorized, by the commander, for wear on an overnight/weekend off-post pass.

d. General areas of interest.

(1) Patrol Cap. ACU patrol cap is authorized for wear IAW AR 670-1.

(2) Rapid Fielding Initiative (RFI). RFI is authorized for wear.

(3) Headgear. The black beret is the standard heargear with the ACU and Class A and Class B uniforms. The ACU boonie cap is forbidden for wear except for deployment. Headgear will be worn at all times when operating a military vehicle whether a nontactical vehicle (Transportation Motor Pool [TMP] vehicle) or a tactical vehicle.

(4) Protective Equipment. Regardless of the uniform, appropriate protective helmets and safety gear will be worn when operating a bicycle or motorcycle.

(5) Body piercing. Soldiers may not attach, affix, or display objects, articles, jewelry, or ornamentation to or through the skin while they are in uniform, in civilian clothes on-duty, or in civilian clothes off-duty (this includes earrings for male Soldiers), when on any Army or Federal installation. The term "skin" is not confined to external skin, but includes the tongue, lips, inside the mouth, and other surfaces of the body not readily visible.

(6) Bags. Soldiers may carry civilian bags, civilian rucksacks, or other similar civilian bags while in uniform. Soldiers may carry these bags by hand, on one shoulder strap, or over both shoulders using both shoulder straps. If the bag is carried over one

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shoulder, the bag must be carried on the same side of the body as the shoulder strap; therefore, Soldiers may not carry the bags slung across the body with the strap over the opposite shoulder. If Soldiers choose to carry a shoulder bag while in uniform, the bag must be black, ACU pattern, or foliage green with no other colors or logos, and the contents of the bag may not be visible (for example, see-through plastic or mesh bags are unauthorized). There is no restriction on the color of civilian bags carried in the hands. Soldiers will not wear laundry bags or chemical protective over-garment bags as a backpack.

(7) Gloves. Gloves are authorized for wear with or without cold weather outer garments. Soldiers may wear the black leather shell gloves with ACUs without cold weather outer garments.

4. SUPERSESSION: This policy supersedes the memorandum 07-09, 7 August 2009. Uniform standards will continue to change as the Army transforms. As changes in uniform policy occur, the MANSCEN&FLW Commanding General will make implementation decisions based upon recommendations by the MANSCEN&FLW Command Sergeant Major (CSM).

5. PROPONENT: The proponent for this policy letter is the MANSCEN&FLW CSM at 563-6151/6149.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregg F. Martin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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